

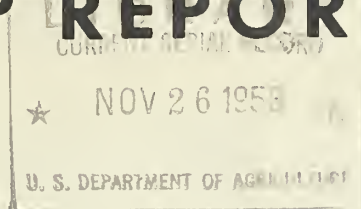
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**PIG CROP REPORT**

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The number of sows farrowed and intended to farrow in the spring of 1958 (December through May) for 10 of the Corn Belt States is 6 percent larger than in the spring of 1957, according to the Crop Reporting Board. The 5,702,000 sows farrowing for the 10 States (Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Wisconsin, Minnesota, Iowa, Missouri, South Dakota, Nebraska, and Kansas) compares with the revised estimate of 5,404,000 sows farrowed during the same period in 1957. The March 1 survey indicates about the same percentage increase for the spring season as reported in December. Farmers in Ohio report 2 percent less sows for 1958 spring farrow than a year earlier, while the other States show increases ranging from 3 percent in Indiana to 14 percent in Nebraska. An increase of 6 percent is indicated in Illinois, 8 percent in Wisconsin, 6 percent in Minnesota, 4 percent in Iowa, 6 percent in Missouri, 12 percent in South Dakota, and 11 percent in Kansas.

For the 10 States included in this report, the estimate of 1957 spring sows was revised at this time on the basis of marketings and other check data which have become available since December. The revised 10 State totals are, 5,404,000 sows farrowed and 38,993,000 pigs saved. The 1957 spring crop for the U. S. is now estimated at 7,283,000 sows farrowed and 51,849,000 pigs saved, down 5 percent and 3 percent respectively from the 1956 spring crop.

Sows farrowed during December, January, and February totaled 1,809,000 head, 15 percent more than the 1,568,000 head farrowed during the same 3 months a year earlier, and 68 percent more than the 10-year average of 1,079,000 head. Farmers' reports indicate that the number of sows farrowed in each of the 3 months was up from a year earlier, with the greatest increases shown in the relatively light farrowing months of December and January. This year's December through February sows represent 32 percent of the total expected spring sows (December through May) which compares with 29 percent of the total in 1957 and with 17 percent for the 10-year average. This continues the trend in recent years to earlier farrowings. Sows bred and intended for farrow in March, April, and May this year total 3,893,000 head, 1 percent more than the 3,836,000 head farrowed in 1957, but 24 percent less than the average for this period.

Reported breeding intentions indicate 2,268,000 sows to farrow during the 1958 summer quarter (June through August). This would be an increase of 13 percent or 255,000 head from the 2,013,000 that farrowed during the

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Sows farrowing by quarters, Selected Corn Belt States

State	December through February <u>1/</u>				March through May			
	Average			1958 as	Average			1958 as
	1947-56	1957	1958	% of	1947-56	1957	1958 <u>2/</u>	% of
	1,000	1,000	1,000	1957	1,000	1,000	1,000	1957
	head	head	head	Percent	head	head	head	Percent
Ohio....	116	141	147	104	279	218	205	94
Ind....	210	296	318	107	363	275	270	98
Ill....	172	283	328	116	756	610	619	101
Wis....	51	82	94	115	270	207	218	105
Minn....	66	102	128	125	581	435	441	101
Iowa....	224	356	425	119	1,693	1,226	1,220	100
Mo.....	137	185	204	110	354	302	312	103
S.Dak...	16	22	33	150	312	232	251	108
Nebr....	48	63	85	135	416	253	275	109
Kans....	38	38	47	124	118	78	82	105
Total 10:								
States :	1,079	1,568	1,809	115	5,142	3,836	3,893	101

State	December through May Total <u>1/</u>				June through August			
	Average			1958 as	Average			1958 as
	1947-56	1957	1958 <u>3/</u>	% of	1947-56	1957	1958 <u>2/</u>	% of
	1,000	1,000	1,000	1957	1,000	1,000	1,000	1957
	head	head	head	Percent	head	head	head	Percent
Ohio....	396	359	352	98	151	162	180	111
Ind....	574	571	588	103	298	345	380	110
Ill....	928	893	947	106	275	360	425	118
Wis....	320	289	312	108	92	109	109	100
Minn....	647	537	569	106	156	176	194	110
Iowa....	1,917	1,582	1,645	104	475	503	580	115
Mo.....	491	487	516	106	182	211	220	104
S.Dak...	328	254	284	112	34	42	44	105
Nebr....	465	316	360	114	68	69	86	125
Kans....	157	116	129	111	40	36	50	139
Total 10:								
States :	6,221	5,404	5,702	106	1,770	2,013	2,268	113

1/ December preceding year.

2/ Number indicated by breeding intentions reports.

3/ Sum of December through February farrowings and March through May intentions to farrow.

Hogs and pigs: Number on farms by classes March 1, Selected Corn Belt States

State	Under 3 months				3 to 6 months			
	1958				1958			
	1956	1957	1958	as % of	1956	1957	1958	as % of
	1,000	1,000	1,000	1957	1,000	1,000	1,000	1957
	head	head	head	Percent	head	head	head	Percent
Ohio....	1,045	980	975	99	1,125	1,023	1,000	98
Ind....	2,080	2,135	2,210	104	1,285	1,400	1,321	94
Ill....	1,940	2,015	2,255	112	2,263	2,370	2,370	100
Wis....	610	590	660	112	620	580	621	107
Minn....	810	735	930	127	870	880	815	93
Iowa....	2,800	2,700	3,100	115	3,120	3,180	3,420	108
Mo.....	1,330	1,280	1,400	109	1,500	1,510	1,480	98
S.Dak...	160	147	230	156	220	210	240	114
Nebr....	1/	1/	610	1/	1/	1/	680	1/
Kans....	315	258	330	128	350	293	315	108
Total 9 States	11,090	10,840	12,090	112	11,353	11,446	11,582	101
Total 10 States	1/	1/	12,700	1/	1/	1/	12,262	1/

State	Total under 6 months				6 months and older				All hogs and pigs			
	1958				1958				1958			
	1956	1957	1958	as %	1956	1957	1958	as %	1956	1957	1958	as %
	1,000	1,000	1,000	of 1957	1,000	1,000	1,000	of 1957	1,000	1,000	1,000	of 1957
	head	head	head	cent	head	head	head	cent	head	head	head	cent
Ohio....	2,170	2,003	1,975	99	695	633	608	96	2,865	2,636	2,583	98
Ind....	3,365	3,535	3,531	100	1,286	1,209	1,260	104	4,651	4,744	4,791	101
Ill....	4,203	4,385	4,625	105	2,145	2,026	2,299	113	6,348	6,411	6,924	108
Wis....	1,230	1,170	1,281	109	559	601	614	102	1,789	1,771	1,895	107
Minn....	1,680	1,615	1,745	108	1,341	1,255	1,326	106	3,021	2,870	3,071	107
Iowa....	5,920	5,880	6,520	111	4,024	3,865	3,907	101	9,944	9,745	10,427	107
Mo.....	2,830	2,790	2,880	103	1,020	944	1,003	106	3,850	3,734	3,883	104
S.Dak...	380	357	470	132	600	584	622	107	980	941	1,092	116
Nebr....	1/	1/	1,290	1/	1/	1/	750	1/	1/	1/	2,040	1/
Kans....	665	551	645	117	197	208	205	99	862	759	850	112
Total 9 States	22,443	22,286	23,672	106	11,867	11,325	11,844	105	34,310	33,611	35,516	106
Total 10 States	1/	1/	24,962	1/	1/	1/	12,594	1/	1/	1/	37,556	1/

1/ Not available.

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same period a year earlier. All States show increases, ranging from 4 percent in Missouri to 39 percent in Kansas. Iowa, Illinois, and Indiana, the major producing States for this period, show increases of 15 percent, 18 percent, and 10 percent respectively.

The number of all hogs and pigs on farms March 1, 1958, in the 9 States for which comparable data are available (Nebraska excluded) totaled 35,516,000 head, 6 percent more than a year earlier and 4 percent more than the 34,310,000 head on farms on March 1, 1956. All States, except Ohio, show more hogs and pigs on farms this March than a year earlier. Hogs six months old and over totaled 11,844,000 head, 5 percent more than the 11,325,000 head a year earlier. The number under 6 months of age was 6 percent more than last March, with an increase of 1 percent in the 3-6 months age group and 12 percent in the number of pigs under 3 months old. The increase in number of pigs under 3 months of age was less than the percentage increase in sows farrowed during December through February, indicating a litter size less than a year earlier particularly in Iowa and the Eastern Corn Belt. The 12,090,000 pigs under 3 months of age on farms March 1 accounted for 34 percent of all hogs, compared with 10,840,000 head a year earlier or 32 percent of the total hogs. Pigs 3-6 months of age totaled 11,582,000 head, compared with 11,446,000 head a year earlier.

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Note: Revised estimates of the number of sows farrowed during the 1957 spring season for the 10 States in the quarterly program are shown in this report. Revised estimates of the number of pigs saved for these States will be included in the report entitled "Meat Animals - Farm Production, Disposition and Income 1956-57" scheduled for release on April 29, 1958. Estimates for the remaining 38 States will be reviewed and revised if necessary, in connection with the Pig Crop Report scheduled for release June 20, 1958.